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April PotLuck

The Annual Pot Luck Dinner on April 12 was a great success as many members of the Lafayette Historical Society gathered to enjoy a delicious dinner and a delightful program. Speakers Mickey Meyers and Lou Borghesani shared their experiences in Lafayette in the 1930's and 1940's. Mickey Meyers told the group about the annual Horse Shows and Fiestas which were held in Lafayette from 1935 until 1943--their original intent was to provide funds for developing the playground at Lafayette School. Mr. Meyers also provided lots of information regarding early stores in Lafayette when present-day Mt. Diablo Blvd. was Tunnel Road.

Lou Borghesani began operation of "Lou's Place" in Lafayette in 1934--he remembered that hamburgers were ten cents each in those days! The floor in "Lou's Place" was made of one-inch boards, strong enough to support the horses and riders who came in through the double doors--every horse got a carrot and every rider got a beer!

Our thanks to Mickey and Lou for a very special evening! Thanks also to Lou Repetto for the dinner wine and to Ed Stokes for the after-dinner coffee!

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A Thank You for Pictures and Albums--from Fern Powell Davis

Mrs. Edward Allen and Mrs. Edgar Symmons met with Chris Schreiber and Fern Powell Davis at the historical files in the Lafayette Library on May 2 to discuss their pioneer family backgrounds and to give to the society pictures and scrapbooks about the past thirty years of the Lafayette Fire Department.

Mabel Symmons is the daughter of former long time Fire Chief, Ed. Rowland. Betty's husband, Edward (Babe) Allen, has been with the Fire Department for over thirty years and has just recently retired.

Both Mabel and Betty enjoyed looking at the many pictures in the historical files of their pioneer relatives, the Gerows, Floods, Lamps, and Allens. Edward Allen is the great great grandson of Margaret Allen Brown who was Elam Brown's second wife. Margaret's husband died on the trip west with Elam Brown's wagon train and she and Elam were married in 1847 after their arrival in California.

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Exhibits at Lafayette Savings and Loan

Joan Merryman has prepared a timely exhibit on baseball which will run through mid-June. During the summer, there will be a special exhibit related to the automobile--to tie in with Lafayette's Horse and Carriage Days.

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Memorials

The Society has made memorial donations to the Erin Monahan fund and to the Ryan Fund in memory of the son of Sun photographer, JAK.

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Special Thanks

To Mrs. R.B. Gallagher who has loaned the Society photographs of property belonging to the Flood family.

Also to Lou Borghesani for loaning photographs and a cowboy hat from the first Lafayette Horsemen's Show.

And to the Sun Newspapers for six months' of current photographs from their files.

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